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Philippines; will recite the speeches and platforms; will tell what Bryan said, and where he said it, and then will follow an account of how peace and prosperity came to the distant islands and how all the Democratic prophecies had gone astray. This is sure. History will repeat itself.

GOOD WORK AT MANILA.

While the operations of the American troops at Manila are not unattended by some losses, they are exceedingly effective in face of anomalous and embarrassing conditions. Fighting an enemy in the bushes is vastly different from meeting him in the open, and it is especially difficult to make an absolute plan of battle under such conditions. Yet General Otis is carrying out, in a general and aggressive way, the plan forwarded to Washington some days before the present movement began. So far the march of our men has been attended by a series of victories, without a single repulse. The losses of the enemy have been heavy—much heavier than they would have been but for the dash and courage of our soldiers, among whom the Kansas achieved particular distinction. Though Aguinaldo and his men are not entirely surrounded, a goodly number of them have been hemmed in and the others are hard pressed. General Otis has control of the railroad leading from Manila to the scene of action, and has every facility for the forwarding of supplies, for the care of the wounded and for the handling of reinforcements.

According to the latest accounts, it seems wholly improbable that there will be any cessation in the movement against the rebels until they have been brought to terms. It is not to be believed that General Otis, and the others who compose the council of war in the Philippines, would have undertaken this aggressive campaign without almost absolute certainty of success. It is not to be believed that such courage and destructiveness as have been shown by the 10,000 men actually engaged in the fight thus far will fail of complete and early victory. It seems idle, therefore, to entertain the suggestion that 100,000 men may be needed to put down the insurgent forces.

On the contrary, we shall doubtless hear in a very few days that the decisive battle is imminent or has been fought. On the outcome of the Manila campaign depends the whole question of Philippine pacification. Once Aguinaldo and the men immediately under his command have been captured and disarmed, there will be little trouble. There will not be much to fear from sporadic insurrections, for the defeat of Aguinaldo and his army will bring about the proper understanding. The natives will see that even as prisoners they will not be butchered in cold blood by the Americans, a delusion that is said to account largely for whatever fighting spirit they have shown. The anniversary of Dewey's victory will doubtless be celebrated in conjunction with the victory of Otis and his brave comrades.

FOR A HOME PRODUCTS BUILDING.

The Manufacturers' Association will soon be called on to consider the question of erecting a great building which will be at once the place of the permanent display of home products and the headquarters of the association. This is in pursuance of the suggestion made by Mr. C. E. Finney. It is also said that Mr. Finney, as chairman of the committee to which the question has been referred, will submit a still more elaborate plan—one for a building that shall have room to accommodate not only the home products display and the headquarters of the Manufacturers' Association, but also to furnish offices for the other commercial and financial bodies, together with necessary committee rooms, an assembly hall and a cafe. In either case, it will be in the heart of the business section of the city.

Kansas City is reaching such proportions as an industrial and trade center that it should have a large, general commercial exchange. The co-operation of the various business interests of the city makes such a scheme at once feasible and promising. There is probably no other city in the country where there is stronger union among the representatives of all the lines of operation that go to make a great city. The larger the city becomes, the greater the tendency to scatter the independent establishments will be, and consequently the more desirable it will be to have general headquarters where policies may be discussed and adopted.

As for the home products exhibit, it is one of the best possible schemes for the advertisement and development of Kansas City as a manufacturing center. If the permanent exhibit is a good thing, then no place is too good for it. A great building where space would provide room for such a show would help to advertise the display, and the association of the two would be particularly appropriate and effective.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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time. And it never sold its mud at any higher rates.

President McKinley declines to formulate a policy for the Philippines until he receives some trustworthy information as to the character and capabilities of the people. This is one of the particulars in which the president differs from those who are denouncing him as an imperialist.

It is said that Aguinaldo lies to the Filipinos and makes them believe the Americans are being overwhelmingly defeated in every engagement. This is almost incredible. If the Filipinos are too stupid to know when they are being thrashed, and can be persuaded that their succession of disastrous retreats is a succession of victories, they are practically devoid of intelligence and there is no hope that they will ever be capable of self-government. The Filipinos are not so dull as all that. When they are running at breakneck speed to get away from an enemy, they know they are not whipping him. The report of their deception in this matter is obviously an exaggeration.

KANSAS TOPICS.

Born for the Business.

What a warm thing that Mr. Underbyer, of Belleville, must be at an auction.

Partial to Red Pepper.

Let this point be clearly understood. In Topeka circles it is capicum, not lemon and sugar, which takes the sin out of whiskey.

Beth Ends Against the Middle.

"I don't like this dual season," said Housely. "Dual season?" said Boardman. "Why do you call it that?" "Time of year when a man pays coal and ice bills both at the same time."

Pioneer Kansas Dead.

Hon. John D. Wells, a pioneer of Marshall county, is dead. He was four times a member of the Kansas legislature, the last time in 1882. He was a lieutenant in the Ninth Kansas during the civil war.

Miss Ring at Rest.

Miss Lydia Ring is dead at Valley Falls at the age of 85. She came to Kansas in 1858, but went to Denver in 1860, where she served as the first school teacher that city had. In four years she returned to Kansas and has lived in Jefferson county ever since.

Did She Dispose of No. 7?

Mrs. Shirley, an Atchison woman, is now on trial at Medford on the charge of poisoning her seventh husband. The first witness on the stand was Mrs. Shirley's granddaughter, who testified that she herself had been married five times. It would seem to be what might be called a marrying family.

Remarkable Case.

The sheriff of Lyon county arrived in Topeka the other day with two sisters—Jones by name—who had been found insane at the same trial. They lived together in Emporia, and they possessed the delusion that someone was continually trying to get into their house to give them poison.

The General's Grammar.

An Ottawa boy writing from Manila says that when the Twentieth Kansas had charged away out in front of the firing line General MacArthur shouted to his adjutant: "For God's sake bring them boys back!" Which, to say the least, was hearty and forcible, though not exactly according to military or grammar.

Our Man on Horseback.

The same boy says that when the battle first started "Colonel Funston came up on his horse on the dead run and ordered our company to keep the rebels from driving in the outposts, and away we went with bullets flying thick and fast."

Neglected to Mention It.

Burr Oak is enjoying a mild sensation over the wedding announcement of C. C. White and Ella Creps. The pair went to the Omaha exposition with friends last October and one day slipped off into the city and were married. They kept the affair secret until last week and then sent out the regulation cards.

Progress and Prosperity.

Eldorado Republican: John Henry Betts is figuring on a brand new house on the alkali and gumbo farm, on the east branch of the west branch of the main Walnut. He will probably put in a sawmill and work the lumber out of the wet clime that string along his tadpole creek and thus deprive his wife's chickens of a place to roost.

Good Ground for Grief.

"A Western Kansas editor," says one of our exchanges, "melted his press rollers while trying to warm them into condition for use during the cold spell. The ordinary reader may not appreciate what this amounts to in a country print shop. A printer with his rollers melted has the same cheerful layout in view that confronts a shipwrecked sailor cast ashore on a barren crag, with no grub, no clothes, no whiskey and no hope."

A Cash Legacy.

The editor of the Atchison Globe says he has lived a long time, but never knew anyone to fall heir to money and get it until last week. Mrs. Margaret Carleton, of his city, received a draft for \$1,200 from an English estate to which she is part heir, and she says there is more to come.

Miss Deighan's Good Luck.

Which reminds us of another notable case of good fortune. For eighteen years Miss Deighan has been a teacher in the Salina public schools. When she was a little girl she lived with her mother in New England, where the family had a friend in the person of one Captain Smith. The Deighans came to Kansas and Captain Smith went to Philadelphia, where he became very wealthy and where he still resides. He married in that city, but his wife died childless, leaving him alone in the world. Recently he asked Miss Deighan to come to Philadelphia as a friend to him in his declining years, and in appreciation of her consent he decided to her a fine city residence, elegantly furnished and supplied throughout with silver plate and other appurtenances of luxury. Furthermore, and this we gather from the Salina Republican, he gave the young lady to understand that she would be well supplied with everything and in due time become the beneficiary of other valuable property. Miss Deighan will take up her residence in the fine Philadelphia house, her companion being a younger sister.

No Cause for Divorce.

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divorces and said brusquely in open court: "There is no statutory evidence here. This man married a divorced woman when she was 20 years old and lived with her until she is 30. He wants to beat her children around with a stick. She called him a devil and an old fool, and from his own testimony the woman seems to have been about right."

How About This?

"People say," remarks the Atchison Globe, "that women are not as apt to acknowledge their age as men. Mrs. H. P. Waggener acknowledged that she was 50 years old last Sunday, but her husband says he is only 47. Old settlers who remember when Baile Waggener and Emma Hetherington were married say that the husband is a year older than his wife. Mr. Waggener says his wife is really only 46, but that she admitted to half a century in order to get fifty roses."

Captain Boltwood's Manila Story.

Captain Edmund Boltwood, commander of the Ottawa company in the Twentieth Kansas, and who, by the way, is a veteran of the civil war, writes as follows about some of the incidents of the recent Manila battle:

"To get into position above this bluff, we moved out a little in advance of our left, intending to hold one company in this position until the other companies were up in line, but on raising the bluff we were met by a storm of bullets that compelled me to open the ball. The firing line was in extended order—two paces—an interval—the second platoon forty paces in the rear of first and also in extended order; this was the formation throughout the division. The firing commenced almost all along the line, I think, about the same time. Five hundred yards in front of the Twentieth was a line of breastworks, behind which the enemy seemed to be in force and from which there came a hot and well directed fire.

"Our advance was by rushes; that is, a line fifty or 100 yards ahead where cover could be had was designated, then the line would go forward at the run, throw ourselves flat on our faces, and fire by volleys until we had gained our breath, then make another rush. This mode of advancing is the strongest point in the new tactics, as I view the matter. When near the breastwork, Corporal Hanson was shot through the wrist and a second time in the shoulder. His case is serious. Two Thirtieth Minnesota men, who volunteered to go with our company, were also wounded here. A cheer was started by our company as we made the next rush, which was taken up along the line, and the enemy broke. In the last rush I was struck by a spent ball about two inches to the left of my old wound. It felt like a blow from a hammer and I feared the bone was broken, but soon satisfied myself I was all right except the pain. The ball evidently struck flatwise and just where the ends of the leggings lap over each other, making four thicknesses of heavy canvas. It merely broke the skin, but is badly bruised and very black. About the same time a Mauser bullet passed through my leggings on the same leg just at the ankle, passing across the top of the shoe, but doing no damage.

"As we came out into the open the sight was inspiring. Three regiments on our right were advancing in line cheering, and the enemy were breaking in all directions. We passed through town a mile, and at sunset halted and bivouacked where we were.

"The Twentieth has done itself proud, and Company K is as good as the best. Our men are in good fix, and I will guarantee that in the seven consecutive days' fighting, have fired more rounds than the average soldier in the civil war, and have demonstrated the fact, I think, that the sons of soldiers make as good soldiers as their soldier fathers. I know their enthusiasm is remarkable. We get as many men out to fight as we do at pay day. I get very little sleep, but am well."

MISSOURI POINTS.

For "Ye Editor's" Benefit.

A long suffering North Missouri newspaper man, "without attempting to dictate wishes merely to suggest" to the legislature that it enact a law making it a penitentiary offense to steal from a country editor's woodpile.

How It Might Be Done.

"If the fair sex of Brookfield," philosophizes Charley Green in the Argus, "were as anxious to see the pulpit as they are to see the stage the question of removing their hats in church would be agitated more violently."

The Senator and the General.

Brookfield's council chamber is not unlikely to be the scene of some lively discussions, not to say disagreements, the coming year. Two of the candidates there for aldermanic honors whose election is probable are M. A. Hanna and "General" Miles.

He Knew His Business.

A letter dropped in the mail box in Palmyra recently, which was addressed to a man in "Heliopolis, Mo.," was immediately forwarded to the dead letter office by the postmaster, and properly so, too. The person whose name appeared in the superscription was not a Democratic member of the legislature.

Brave Oldtime Gene.

Robert Hays died at the home of his son in Salisbury last week, and the news of his demise caused the minds of the older citizens of that part of the state to revert to the time when Mr. Hays was town marshal of Chillicothe, while the Hannibal & St. Joseph road was being built. At that time Chillicothe was infested with a gang of roughs who were subdued by the marshal only after he had killed or wounded a number of them. Mr. Hays was 73 years old at the time of his death.

The Old Way Better.

"Uncle James" Shighman and wife, a good, old-fashioned couple over in Macon county, have done their cooking for the past fifty-five years in an oldtime brick fireplace. Not long since their children sent the old couple a new-fangled steel range, which was set up in their kitchen. "Uncle James" and his wife stood it two days and then had it moved out to the smokehouse. They said the cooking could not be done so conveniently on the range, and that it did not taste so good.

The Raleigh's Missouri Captain.

The commander of the United States cruiser, Raleigh, which returned a day or two ago from Manila, where it had assisted in the destruction of the Spanish fleet, and in subsequent achievements, is a former Missourian, Captain Coghlan, who once resided in St. Louis. The story is told that years ago the court-martialed the Raleigh's Missouri Captain.

punished with a sentence that forbade any future promotion. It has been suggested that perhaps Admiral Dewey sent Captain Coghlan home at this time in the hope that the warm welcome likely to be accorded him as one of the Manila heroes by appreciative fellow citizens might result in the breaking down of the barrier to his desired advancement.

Another State Ticket.

Holt County Sentinel: The Jefferson City correspondent of The Kansas City Journal in his Sunday letter to that excellent paper does a little work on state ticket making for the Republicans. The Sentinel concedes that every gentleman named in this letter is an excellent Republican, yet we think if the party expects victory at the coming election it must steer clear of factions—and in order to do this it must go elsewhere than Kansas City and St. Louis for the head of its ticket. We believe that Hon. John Kennish is the logical candidate of the Republican party for governor; that Hon. C. C. Bell, of Boonville, should be chosen for lieutenant governor; Senator O'Bannon, for secretary of state; some capable gentleman from St. Louis for auditor; treasurer from Kansas City; Springfield might be given the attorney generalship; S. G. Brock for supreme judge, and so on down the list. We believe the two first named gentlemen are the logical candidates to head our next state ticket, and the Sentinel names these gentlemen right now.

Ratio of Twenty to One.

"The Spaniards say," writes James Duncan, an Albany boy who is with the troops at Manila, to friends at home, "that we have done more in three days than they did in three years. We have whipped them, and we did it easily, considering their overwhelming number. We have killed about twenty Filipinos to every American that has fallen and we have fought up hill all the time. Every house in the city has a white flag hanging out of the window, but that don't count for anything, for they are 'almegos' and when you turn around they will shoot you. I saw an old lady as we came back from the field this morning that used to sell fruit to us fellows. I said 'Faktempla to mos Aguinaldo.' She replied 'Me comphenda.' The Charleston has gone up the bay this morning. I presume to give Aguinaldo a presidential boom, as they say Malolos can be shelled easily with the heavy guns from the bay. I suppose as soon as we are rested we will be sent out to the front again and some other regiment will be released. The hospitals are all full of dead and wounded and at present everybody is tired and worn out. The English residents have most all offered their aid in the hospitals, and their kindness has been accepted."

Deficits and Disaster.

"The Missouri state treasury is empty," groans the battle-scarred Democratic veteran, Editor John M. McMichael, of the Plattsburg Leader, "and a big deficit stares the taxpayers in the face, produced by this spend